

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action Summary states that the drawings filed on December 5, 2001 are objected to by the Examiner. The Office Action fails to provide any further description of rejection of the drawings. The Applicants respectfully request a description of the rejection to facilitate the preparation of a response thereto.

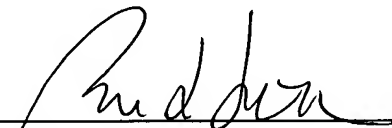
Claims 13-23 are currently pending in the application. Claims 13-23 have been cancelled and claims 24-27 have been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art reference and respectfully respect allowance of the pending claims.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-1329.

Respectfully submitted,

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